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Appellant(s):	Hu <i>et al.</i>	Group Art Unit:	1652
Application No.:	09/854,844	Appeal No.:	2005-0598
Filed:	05/14/2001	Examiner:	D. Ramirez
Title:	Novel Human Protease and Polynucleotides Encoding the Same	Atty. Docket No.:	LEX-0176-USA

**RESPONSE TO ORDER UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.50(d) DATED DECEMBER 1, 2004;
AND WITHDRAWAL OF APPEAL**

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Sir:

Appellants acknowledge the receipt of the Order Under 37 C.F.R. § 41.50(d) ("the Order") mailed on March 31, 2005, which has been carefully reviewed and studied. While Appellants do not agree with the rejections set forth by the Examiner in the present case, and do not agree with the Board that "(t)he Appeal Brief in this appeal includes essentially the same arguments that were made and rejected by the previous merits panel in Appeal No. 2004-1732" (the Order bridging pages 3 and 4), Appellants hereby withdraw the present appeal (Appeal No. 2005-0598) without prejudice and without disclaimer in order to pursue claims in a continuing application, which was filed on May 2, 2005.

A one month non-extendable time limit for response is set forth in the Order. Thus, the deadline for filing the present response is April 30, 2005, which falls on a Saturday and is therefore extended to Monday, May 2, 2005, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7. The response is therefore timely filed, and Appellants believe no fees are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

Respectfully submitted,

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•Comments:

Please find attached a Response to the Order Under 37 C.F.R. § 41.50(d), and Withdrawal of Appeal No. 2005-0598. Please contact me at the number shown above if there are any questions.